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- 1. Attached in Appendix A is a chart showing the organization of the East German Ministry for Foreign Trade (Ministerium fuer Aussen-und Innerdeutschen Handel) as of October 1952.
- 2. The position of First State Secretary held by Kurt Gregor until last August has not been filled since his promotion, first to the Central Committee of the SED, and shortly afterwards to his present post of Minister. Kurt Grabitz and Gerhard Weiss are possible successors to the title.
- CMEA affairs are dealt with by the very small Section for International Cooperation under Harry Schwager and by the Trade Policy Department under Eleonore Staimer inde Pieck).
- 4. The Sonderreferat for Reparations is likely to be dissolved shortly as the amount of work it handles is too little to justify its existence. Ludwig Maerten, its present head, is a well trusted communist and is the only member of the Ministry below Hauptabteilungsleiter rank who maintains direct lisison with the SCC.

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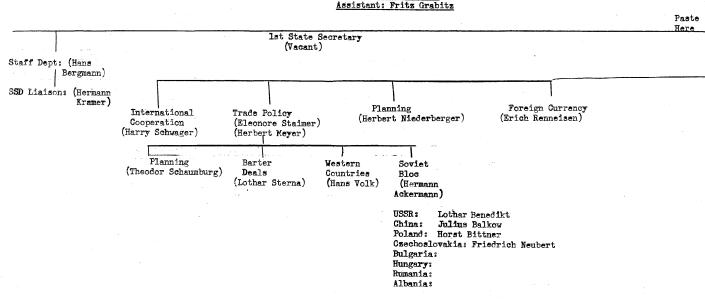
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Organization of Ministry of Foreign Trade (October 1952)

Minister: Kurt Gregor
Assistant: Fritz Grabitz



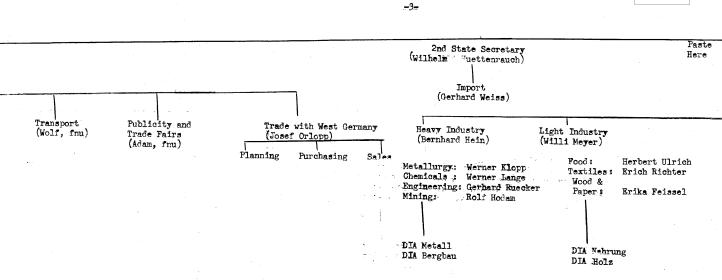
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SED Secretary: Hirschfeld

Chairman BGL: Klaus Koch



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... 3rd Secretary (Hans-Paul Ganter-Gilmans) Assistant: Vera Dombrowski Reparations (Ludwig Maerten) Export (Franz Krause) Light Industry Heavy Industry Engineering Financial Financial Planning (Rudolf Deutrich) (Johann ..macker) Planning (Gerhard) Finances: Paul Schmidt Planning: Joseph Stortzer Textiles: Paper/Wood: Books & Metallurgy: Vehicles: Chemicals: Machine Mining: Tools: Glass & Ceramics: Musical Optical: Electro-technical: Instruments: DIA Chemie DIA Glas und DIA Textil DIA Maschinen DIA Kulturwaren DIA Elektrotechnik Keramik DIA Optik DIA Transportmaschinen DIA Feinmechanik

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